

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The status identifiers of Claims 11 and 14 have been changed to the proper form (currently amended).

The status identifier of Claim 12 has been changed to the proper form (canceled).

Claims 1-11 and 13-15 remain in this application. Claims 1, 11 and 14 have been amended herein. Claim 12 has been canceled.

Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 11-12 and 14 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 11-12 and 14 have been rewritten herein in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are, therefore, now allowable. The limitation in previous claim 12 which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter in the previous action (now canceled), has been included in claim 1, as element e. Likewise, claims 11 and 14 have been also rewritten into independent form.

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, Applicants believe the pending claims 1-11 and 13-15 of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants believe that a two (2) month extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Applicants respectfully request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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